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Message from the Principal

At PBPS we have a shared school vision: to provide students with the necessary skills to enable each to achieve personal excellence, become a lifelong learner and responsible citizen of the world. At our school, the role of each teacher is to individually identify, nurture and unleash the potential of every student in order to see our school vision realised. This sums up why I truly believe that teaching is the most important job in the world! But I also believe that it is also the most important job for the world.

Seeing our school vision realised will not only have an impact on the individual students we serve, but on the world in which each child is purposefully equipped to make their impact. This can only happen with great teachers. And at PBPS, we have truly great teachers. At next week's Education Week, not only will we pause to recognise, showcase and celebrate the great student learning that is happening across our school, but we will show our appreciation for the amazing teachers who support, guide, encourage, challenge, inspire our students on a daily basis. On Wednesday 5 August, we will hold a special morning tea to recognise our two award recipients for the Regional North Public Education Awards of Appreciation: Mr Dave Rattray and Mrs Kristen Redman. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we can't make this a public event, but we will be filming our special presentation ceremony and sharing the link via skoolbag for our school community to view on the day. As well as recognising Dave and Kristen as our Regional North Education Awards of Appreciation recipients, other school staff who received community nominations will be presented with a certificate of commendation at our morning tea. I take this public opportunity to thank all the parents who forwarded their nominations for this award: we were overwhelmed with the positive number of responses. We certainly do have great staff at our school and I'm so pleased that, along with me, our community also appreciate the quality staff that make up our team.

During Education Week, we are also acknowledging the hard work, effort and learning resilience shown by so many of our students throughout a year of unprecedented disruption and uncertainty. "Personal Best" is a highly valued learning characteristic at our school and one of the indisputable keys to success for our young children as they develop their core social and interpersonal characteristics during their time at our school. Around a third of our students have been nominated by their teacher to achieve a "Personal Best" award, which far exceeded our initial expectations. This is testimony to the way our students this year have shown learning determination, effort, persistence and, as beautifully captured by so many of the nomination descriptions, an indubitable joy in learning, no matter what the circumstances. Again, it is truly disappointing not to be able to invite our parents to attend such a special assembly to see these students receive their "Personal Best" award. However, as we do our best to help parents continue to feel included in these special events, we will be filming our K-2 and 3-6 awards assemblies and then providing a video recording of these awards being presented, via Skoolbag and school website link. Students receiving an award will be presented at a special assembly on Tuesday 4 August and the video will be linked to our school website, available for parents to view on Wednesday 5 August.

"Personal best' is a quality that is shown daily by our wonderful students across our classrooms and one of the favourite aspects of my job is to celebrate "personal best" as students share their work with me. We celebrate the messy, the process, the effort, the persistence, the not giving up: all these things I am immensely proud of. However, I also get to celebrate the quality produced through effort and personal best: on the following page I have included some photos of Harvey and Marcus in Year 5 who were proud to share their personal best in Art this week. Every student who visits me to show the results of their "personal best" is another reminder of why I do indeed have the best job in the world!

Karen Wardlaw







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Assembly Awards and Principals Awards

Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards and Principal Awards.

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- KG Fox, Taia, Anton, Ben, Erin, Sylvie
- K1F Morgan, Finn, Lola, Xanthe, Josie, Elise, Luke
- 1T Holly, Sully, Bay, Matilda, Jed, Zack, Morris, Eve
- 1M Hattie, Atlas, Marlow, Bodhi, Finlay, Euan, Eva, Enzo
- 2P Joseph, Freya, Nate, Ashley, Finlay, Toby, Charli, Summer
- 3R Miles, Frankie, Sebi, Edie, Violet, Harvey, Noah, Teddy
- 3B Gnanita, Nina, Martin

Principal Awards

- KG Lennox, Stevie
- K1F Megan, Eyslan, Xanthe
 - 1T Holly, Morris, Hayley
 - 1M Imogen, Vin, Mae, Euan, Eva,
 - 2H Louis, Otis, Harper, Lilybell, Scarlett
 - 2P Flynn, Sophie,
 - 3R Penelope, Maeble
 - 3B Oscar, Maya, Keanu

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

What a great first 2 weeks to Term 3!

Teachers have been regularly handing out Bouddi points both in the classroom and playground for student's demonstrating excellence, respect and responsibility. Keep up the great work PBPS (3) This week's PBL lesson was on 'Being Responsible in an Emergency'. At school we practice what to do in a lockdown so that we feel safe and prepared if there is an emergency. Student's learnt what their job was in

- a lockdown drill: 1. Pay attention to the lockdown bell.
 - 2. Stop and listen to your teacher.
 - 3. Move quickly and safely.
 - 4. Remain quiet and calm.
 - 5. Keep your medication with you, if there's a chance you might need it.

Ms Metcalfe

Sun Safety

As the days get longer and warmer, it is important to remember good sun safety habits. Australia has one of the highest rates of <u>skin cancer</u> in the world. Each year over 2000 Australians die from this almost entirely preventable disease. <u>Pretty Beach Public</u> <u>School is a sun safe school.</u>

We are encouraging parents and carers to support our school policy by sending children to school with their school's broad-brimmed hats EVERY DAY. This is the safest way of protecting our students' delicate skin from the sun during play times and during formal outdoor lessons, including sport and P.E. Additionally, as the days get warmer, students are encouraged to apply sun screen on their skin before and during the school day. Reminder slips will be sent home with students who have forgotten their hats on sport and P.E. days as a reminder to bring hats each day. Thank you for your support with this matter.

2020 School Art Show

Students have been busy creating some amazing artworks which will be in this years biennial art show! Every two years students spend time creating three individual artworks, using a range of mediums, which

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we display in Term 4 within their classrooms. These special artworks are sold to their family for \$15 and funds raised go towards next years whole school musical, so support from families are vital.

Each class also creates one major artwork which is silently raffled within K Block. Local artists also are asked to kindly donate artworks which are also silently auctioned to help raise much needed funds for the school's Creative Arts department.

Stage 3 students have been enjoying creating a range of studies of shells collected both locally and abroad. These studies help refine their skills and understanding of the subject matter as they then go onto making one of their major works mid term.

Michaela Bridgman Visual Arts Coordinator Michaela Bridgman

Stage 3 Art Lessons – Sea Shells





Stage 2 Pop Art Lessons



Years 3 & 4 have just started an art unit on 1950's Pop Art. We have looked at the use of colour, pattern repetition and everyday objects in this style of art. Today we started on creating our own self-portraits for the Art Show in the styles of Andy Warhol and Roy Lichenstein. The student's creativity is shining through as they develop their ideas. We should have some wonderful artworks!

Mrs Holloman

RFF with Mrs Hutchens

This term we are doing STEM activities – Science and Technology, Engineering and Maths.

We are designing, planning, building and creating! K-4 students will be participating in hands-on activities that encourage them to use problem solving and critical thinking skills, creativity and team work.

Our stage 3 students are planning and creating their own Stop Motion films using their devices and the Stop Motion App. Stage 3 need to work collaboratively in small groups and utilise their communication skills to produce quality work that focuses on a topic that they feel is important to showcase.

We hope to have a fun and creative term ahead in RFF!

Mrs Hutchens





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Athletics Field Events



Year 3 to 6 students have been practising their athletics field events for our school completion tomorrow.



Library

Library lessons have recommenced with library days as follows:

Wednesday: K1F (Miss Fulton's class) 1T (Miss Turton's class, 2H (Mrs Holloman's class) and 2P (Mr Podmore's Class)

Thursday: KG (Mrs Gordon's class), 1M (Miss Metcalfe's class 3R (Mr Rattray's class) and 3B (Mrs Bridgman's class)

Students need to bring in any books they have at home on their library day or put in the returns box in the library at any time.

We will be following the *Infection Control guidelines* with the cleaning and quarantining of all books returned to the library.

Enrol Online Now - Kindergarten 2021

Do you have a child who will be starting school in 2021? If so the <u>online enrolment</u> is accessed through the <u>school website</u>. See **ENROLMENT** tab at top of page.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for parents to submit an Application to Enrol in a NSW Government School online at a time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into local schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's going to a public school site.

Canteen

The canteen is open for **lunch orders only** for tomorrow but over the counter items will be on sale once again from next Friday 7 August. At this stage we will continue to operate without parent assistance.

Orders need to be in by Thursday for Friday's orders to ensure lunches are ready in time for lunch at 11:00am.

Thanks for your support with these COVID-19 arrangements. Jan Tochowicz Canteen Manager

School Banking... to recommence next Monday

We are able to **recommence School Banking from next Monday 3 August.** Students need to hand their bank book in to their teacher or drop into the box at the office before school. School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way to help your child practice good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking will earn an exciting reward every time they reach 10 deposits. The School Banking reward items now available are: (*from Term 1*) *Terry Denton's Activity Book and Mini Soccer Ball and new reward*

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items **Treetop Stationery Set, Treetop Handball, Tomato Seed Kit and a Magic Mist Drink Bottle**.



Your child doesn't have a bank account? To open a bank account just go to any Commonwealth Bank or this can be done <u>on line</u>. The bank have advised if you do this the deposit book, with their account details and yellow wallet will be sent to you by mail within 5-7 working days. Could you please ensure that the account number details are completed in your child's deposit book, prior to your child bringing the book in on their first School Banking Day.

Are you using the CommBank Youth App yet?

This app provides a hands-on experience teaching your child to earn, save and spend their money responsibly. Your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youth Saver account
- View school banking deposits in their transaction history
- Track the number of times they have banked towards their next reward
- Set up savings goals and monitor progress
- Create lists of chores they can do to earn pocket money

So explore the <u>CommBank</u> <u>Youth App</u> to help encourage regular saving.

